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Hi everyone, as we start to get out and about with the restrictions easing, the members of the DTU have asked me to remind everyone that like all things, the more you do it the better you get at it, well it has been a while since anybody has been out driving and we could be a little rusty. We recommend leaving a little extra time in your agenda to get to your destination and also start with some easy trips to get the members back up to speed, basically just relax and take your time.

I have had some interesting meetings over the last couple of months with different groups and a couple have been particularly constructive, a good example of this is one I had with Transport for NSW about making it easier to find and understand the regulations for vehicle standards. This is a massive project and one that will take a lot of time and effort before we see any changes but I believe that it will happen. This will make it easier if you want to modify your vehicle with cause and effect changes explained, an example is when raising a four wheel drive and adding a bull bar that may expose too much of the front tyres and also increase the gap between your mud flaps and the road to over 300mm, both these things will see you fall foul of the law. Also, we know that the GVM and GCM rules are difficult to understand particularly if you include add caravan into the equation.

I was also asked to take part in a web event for Motorcycle Awareness Month, it was a great opportunity to get to know fellow users and hear their thoughts. It is looking good for our AGM in November at Liverpool Catholic Club and also for clubs to have their Christmas parties, so the future is looking better every day for the clubs to get back together again, we have all missed the little things that we take for granted, I know I can't wait for haircut. As we come out of this, we still need to

keep an eye out for fellow members and make sure that they are okay as government assistance will start to dry up, people will be losing their jobs, so please look after your fellow members.

So as we start to make plans for the future I am beginning to feel excited in the knowledge that I will be able to spend time with you again,
cheers.

Craig Thomas
President



As our vaccination rates rise and the number of active cases goes down we will start to see restrictions ease in the next few weeks.

How do we live with Covid-19?

As nothing is settled yet it's difficult to give advice on what clubs can do. Many of the clubs are getting a QR code and discussing what they should do moving forward.

The best advice we can give at this stage is watch the Government announcements for your state.

If your club does not have a QR code yet, it's quick and easy to get one.

Covid Information for your state

[QLD](#)

[ACT](#)

[NSW](#)

Get a QR code for your state

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The Services NSW app is being upgraded to include the vaccination certificate, however it is not ready right now. You can wait till the app is updated or you can do it now via your Medicare online account, Express Plus Medicare mobile app or your My health Record. More info on these options [HERE](#) Or if you don't have a mobile device you can

print the certificate. Or if you can't get proof of your vaccination online call the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 and ask for your immunisation history statement to be posted to you. It can take up to 14 days to arrive in the post.

As the nominations for the committee have closed and there are no competing nominations the AGM will go smoothly. Looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the November quarterly and AGM.

THE TEAM

President - Craig Thomas - - Triple Diamond 4wd Club

Vice President Clubs - Shane McClymont - - Crossed Up 4wd Club

Vice President Lands - Lee Dunstan - - Black Diamond 4wd Club

Treasurer - Tony Ellery - - Blue Mountains 4wd Club

Secretary - Robert Matysiak - - Sturt 4WD Club

Committee Member - Anthony Timmins

Club Support - Bungaribee 4wd Club

Committee Member - Dayne Schollenberger

DTU - Camping with Families 4wd Club

Committee Member - Brian Bird

Adventure Show - Camping with Families 4wd Club

Committee Member - Rollanda Rosenstrauss

Office Oversight Committee - Nissan Patrol Club

Increased water security in the pipeline for Coonabarabran

Construction is underway on the \$2.2 million Coonabarabran groundwater pipeline.

During the recent drought, Coonabarabran faced a critical water shortage when Timor Dam fell to just 18 per cent capacity. In response, the NSW Government invested \$1.7 million to develop three new bores. An additional \$2.2 million in funding, administered under the



Safe and Secure Water Program, will provide an 8.25 kilometre pipeline linking the new bores directly to the town's water treatment plant.

The pipeline will give the community control over where town water is drawn from. At the same time, the new bores ensure Coonabarabran has a more sustainable, flexible supply of water, as the town's water now comes from more than one source. This will ensure the town has access to clean and safe drinking water if there is ever a break or outage of the mainline to Timor Dam. It will also improve the community's resilience to drought.

The pipeline is due to be completed in January 2022. Learn more about [Safe and Secure Water Program](#).

Quarterly Meeting and AGM

Saturday 20th November

Liverpool Catholic Club 424/458 Hoxton Park Rd, Prestons

Ballrooms 2, 3 and 4

8.30am (please do not enter before as we need to get the room ready)

www.liverpoolcatholic.com.au

PLEASE NOTE: to enter the Liverpool Catholic Club you must be DOUBLE vaccinated as per govt health orders. The club will not allow entry to anyone that cannot prove their status.

The Services NSW app is being upgraded to include the certificate, however it is not ready right now.

You can wait till the meeting gets closer and hope for the upgrade or you can do it now via your Medicare online account, Express Plus Medicare mobile app or your My health Record.

More info on these options [HERE](#)

Or if you don't have a mobile device you can print the certificate and take that to the club. The meeting starts at 9am so come at 8.30 to sign in, get your door prize ticket and have a coffee before the meeting starts.

Afterwards don't rush off after the meeting. Allow some time to get THE BOX and take it back for your club.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

Components - Compact First Aid KIT

- 10 x Adhesive dressings, sterile, individually wrapped, (8 normal size, 2 large size)



- 1 x Bandage sheers, 15cm stainless steel
- 1 x CPR card
- 1 x Conforming cotton bandage 7.5cm x 1.8m
- 2 x Nitrile gloves
- 2 x Non adherent dressing, 5cm x 5cm
- 1 x Resuscitation shield, disposable
- 2 x Safety pins
- 3 x Skin cleaning wipes, with cetrimide
- Small roll of tape x1
- 1 x Splinter probes (5 per pack), sterile
- 1 x Tweezers, plastic x1



What's the best way to maintain my car battery?

If you haven't been driving your car or it's been left sitting idle because of the current lockdown, you may not have enough power in your battery to start the engine. And while it may seem like a good idea, running your vehicles engine five minutes a day is not enough to maintain your car battery.

To maintain the charge in your vehicles battery you need at least 30 minutes of driving - depending on the vehicle and the battery age. However, with the current restrictions in place, we recommend using a battery charger. With a fully automatic charger, it can be fitted to maintain your pride and joy or, used as a normal battery charger. Charge every two weeks and you'll extend the life of your battery, restore battery performance and minimise the chances of breaking down.

Credit NRMA

What about running the engine occasionally?

The best option is to drive your vehicle every few weeks for 30 minutes as this will put your brakes, gearbox, suspension, driveline and other key components through their paces, making them ready once you start driving again.

If you can't drive your car for that long, start the engine and run with varying revs from 1,000rpm to 1,500rpm for a few minutes and run air con too. If you do decide to run the engine, be aware of the dangers of exhaust gas in enclosed spaces.

A battery saver is a great way to prevent the battery from going flat and are available from motor accessory stores.

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Need a ZOOM meeting?

Do you need a zoom meeting for your club?

You are welcome to use the Association account.

Please email Maggie with date, start time and duration.

office@4wdnow.com

Small Grant available to clubs and small business (NSW)

If you're a sole trader, the owner of a small business or a not-for-profit organisation in NSW, you may be eligible for a small business fees and charges rebate of \$1,500.

This rebate helps businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and encourages growth by reducing the cost of running a business. Eligible businesses or not-for-profits only need to apply for the rebate once, but can submit multiple claims until the full value of \$1,500 is reached.

Funds can be used to offset the costs of eligible NSW and local government fees and charges due and paid from 1 March 2021. These include, but are not limited to:

- Vehicle or trailer registration
- Council rates
- Fair Trading fees

View the full list of [eligible fees and charges](#).

The rebate will be available until 30 June 2022.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this rebate, small businesses (including non-employing sole traders) and not-for-profit organisations must:

- have total Australian wages below the NSW Government 2020-21 payroll tax threshold of \$1.2 million
- have an Australian Business Number (ABN) registered in NSW and/or have business premises physically located and operating in NSW.

Note: Only one \$1,500 rebate is available for each ABN.

What you need

To apply for the rebate, you'll need:

- a MyServiceNSW Account
- your proof of identity
- your valid ABN/ACN
- your business banking details for payment.

You'll need to supply supporting documentation when applying for the rebate and each time you make a claim.

Note: For each claim you make, you'll need to provide invoices and receipts showing payment of eligible fees or charges. Each claim must be made separately, and you can only upload one receipt per claim. In addition, each invoice can be entered only once. If you pay an invoice in instalments, please wait until you've paid it in full before making a claim against that invoice.

[APPLY HERE](#)

Daf's weekend Feb 2022

The Driver Training Unit (DTU) is planning a Driver Awareness Facilitators weekend in February next year on the 12th and 13th in the Coffs Harbour area, please mark these dates in your dairy and more information will come soon.

Cane toad tadpole lure to launch as toxic pests' breeding season heats up

A lure that attracts and traps cane toad tadpoles will be released commercially after the University of Queensland-designed product was licensed to not-for-profit environmental organisation Watergum. Watergum's invasive



species manager Emily Vincent said being able to trap tadpoles was a game changer in reducing the population of the toxic pests. One of Watergum's main initiatives is to tackle invasive species because they're an extremely big threat in

Australia ... [one] I'm sure everyone is aware of is cane toads," Ms Vincent said. The lure is the result of work by the University of Queensland (UQ) Institute of Molecular Bioscience and the University of Sydney's Professor Rick Shine.

Its commercialisation has been over a decade in the making with Watergum among the hundreds of organisations to trial the lures. Researchers discovered that tadpoles were able to detect cane toad eggs in the same body of water and seek them out and eat them. Using a similar pheromone found in the parotoid gland of the adult toads, researchers were able to lure tadpoles into the traps by coating a sugar cube-sized airstone in the chemical.

Importantly, the lure does not attract other species, like native frogs. The lure is placed in a specially designed box that allows the tadpoles to enter through funnels on either side and get trapped inside the box. "So you're actually using the cane toads' own toxicity against itself," Ms Vincent said. Tadpole breeding season tends to be when the weather is warm and wet and a female can lay up to 35,000 eggs in one clutch and can lay two clutches a year.

Could this eradicate cane toads?

UQ Institute for Molecular Bioscience's Professor Rob Capon is one of the minds behind the lures but said it was not a silver bullet in eradicating the introduced pests. "Tadpole trapping can only take part where people are, and there are plenty of places around Australia where the population [of people] is either zero or very low, in which case cane toads have free run," he said. "So we're not going to clear cane toads out of Australia just trapping them," Professor Capon said.

When will the lures be available?

The lures are not yet available but Ms Vincent said they would be ready to purchase by summer. "We're hoping to have all these lures set up and available in time for the main cane toad session, this summer," she said. "We're not actually sure exactly how much they're going to cost yet ... but we will be keeping costs as low as we can." Watergum is also working to develop customised containers to trap the tadpoles so users do not have to make their own.

Professor Capon and Ms Vincent said the traps, used in conjunction with sustained efforts from the community to manually collect adult toads, would significantly help to cut down cane toad population. Ms Vincent said if you regularly remove toads from your area, say once a month, you will end up only having to remove the transient toads when they pass through your property.

"We're just starting the cane toad season now so this first toad bust of the season, is probably the most important one of the year," Ms Vincent said. "This is about trying to stop the problem from getting any worse and making it easier for yourself going forward."

Refrigerate then freeze cane toads

Ms Vincent said euthanising cane toads and tadpoles humanely, involved the stepped hypothermia method. "So you want to pop them in the fridge for 24 hours and then you want to transfer them to the freezer," Ms Vincent said. "It's important that people don't freeze their toads instantly; this is incredibly painful to the toad. "There's also this problem as well — an amphibian magic trick — where if you flash freeze, they can actually come back to life when they're defrosted.

"So putting them into the fridge first does stop this process because it does actually put them into a coma and ceases all brain activity, they can't come back to life and they also don't feel any pain when they are [later] frozen. "I know that they're not very nice animals and they are an invasive species but it's not their fault they are here; they were put here by us and they are walking around the planet trying to survive, just as anything else."

ABC Radio Brisbane By Edwina Seselja



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Believe it or not - we are having an insurance issue with this!. There is a delay, but we are looking for a solution. Watch this space.

This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties.

If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me.

If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club please email office@4wdnow.com.

Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.

The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.

- Maggie Thomas.

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